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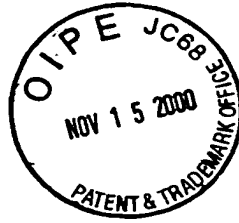
In re application of:

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For: **Recombinant, Replication Defective
CELO Virus and CELO Virus
DNA**



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Letter

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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1. Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) in Utility Application;
2. European Priority Document Appl. No. EP 99120358.9 filed October 13, 1999; and
3. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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